

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2497

Introduced by Assembly Member Solorio

February 24, 2012

An act to add and repeal Section 89007.7 of the Education Code, relating to the California State University.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2497, as introduced, Solorio. California State University: Early Start Program.

Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University (CSU), as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

This bill would express the finding and declaration of the Legislature that the trustees adopted an Early Start Program at their May 2010 meeting. The bill would provide that, on and after January 1, 2014, the trustees and chancellor would have no authority to implement CSU the Early Start Program unless a specific appropriation is made for its implementation in the annual Budget Act.

The bill would require, commencing on January 1, 2014, and every 5 years thereafter, that the trustees and chancellor submit a report to the Legislature detailing the impact of the CSU Early Start Program on student mathematics and English proficiency. The bill would authorize the trustees, as part of that report, to request the Legislature to include a specific appropriation for the implementation of the CSU Early Start Program in the annual Budget Act.

The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2018.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 89007.7 is added to the Education Code, to read:

89007.7. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the California State University Early Start Program was adopted pursuant to Executive Order No. 1048 at the May 2010 meeting of the Trustees of the California State University with the stated goal of facilitating a student's graduation through changes in policies on fulfilling entry-level proficiencies in mathematics and English.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law:

(1) On and after January 1, 2014, the trustees and chancellor shall have no authority to implement the California State University (CSU) Early Start Program unless a specific appropriation is made for the implementation of the CSU Early Start Program in the annual Budget Act.

(2) Commencing on January 1, 2014, and every five years thereafter, the trustees and chancellor shall submit a report to the Legislature detailing the impact of the CSU Early Start Program on student mathematics and English proficiency. As part of the report to the Legislature required by this paragraph, the trustees may request the Legislature to include a specific appropriation for the implementation of the CSU Early Start Program in the annual Budget Act. The report shall be submitted in accordance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(3) Upon receipt of the report required by paragraph (2), the Legislature, as part of the annual deliberations on the proposed state budget, shall review the report and the request, if any, for the inclusion of a specific appropriation for the implementation of the CSU Early Start Program in the annual Budget Act.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.